

\*Margrethe Lundsager, of Virginia, to be United States Executive Director of the International Monetary Fund for a term of two years.

Mr. BIDEN. Mr. President, for the Committee on Foreign Relations I report favorably the following nomination list which was printed in the RECORD on the date indicated, and ask unanimous consent, to save the expense of reprinting on the Executive Calendar that this nomination lie at the Secretary's desk for the information of Senators.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Foreign Service nominations beginning with Natalie J. Freeman and ending with Deborah Ann McCarthy, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on January 10, 2007. (minus 2 nominees: Beth Pennock Dunford; Ross Marvin Hicks)

\*Nomination was reported with recommendation that it be confirmed subject to the nominee's commitment to respond to requests to appear and testify before any duly constituted committee of the Senate.

(Nominations without an asterisk were reported with the recommendation that they be confirmed.)

#### INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Ms. STABENOW (for herself and Mr. SPECTER):

S. 1003. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to improve access to emergency medical services and the quality and efficiency of care furnished in emergency departments of hospitals and critical access hospitals by establishing a bipartisan commission to examine factors that affect the effective delivery of such services, by providing for additional payments for certain physician services furnished in such emergency departments, and by establishing a Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services Working Group, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BROWN (for himself and Mr. DORGAN):

S. 1004. A bill to make ineligible for Federal contract awards any expatriated corporations and any companies that do business with, or won foreign subsidiaries that do business with, state sponsors of terrorism or foreign terrorist organizations; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. KERRY (for himself, Mr. HAGEL, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. PRYOR, and Mr. TESTER):

S. 1005. A bill to amend the Small Business Act to improve programs for veterans, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

By Mr. KERRY:

S. 1006. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to deny qualified dividend income treatment to certain foreign dividends; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. LUGAR:

S. 1007. A bill to direct the Secretary of State to work with the Government of Brazil and other foreign governments to develop partnerships that will strengthen diplomatic

relations and energy security by accelerating the development of biofuels production, research, and infrastructure to alleviate poverty, create jobs, and increase income, while improving energy security and protecting the environment; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. SANDERS:

S. 1008. A bill to amend the Atomic Energy Act of 1954 to improve and strengthen the safety inspection process of nuclear facilities; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. MARTINEZ (for himself and Mr. CORNYN):

S. 1009. A bill to amend part A of title I of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to improve supplemental educational services, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. SMITH (for himself, Mr. CONRAD, Ms. SNOWE, Ms. COLLINS, and Mrs. CLINTON):

S. 1010. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to encourage guaranteed lifetime income payments from annuities and similar payments of life insurance proceeds at dates later than death by excluding from income a portion of such payments; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BIDEN (for himself, Mr. KENNEDY, and Mr. ENZI):

S. 1011. A bill to change the name of the National Institute on Drug Abuse to the National Institute on Diseases of Addiction and to change the name of the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism to the National Institute on Alcohol Disorders and Health; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Ms. LANDRIEU (for herself, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. BOND, Mr. CRAIG, Mrs. LINCOLN, Mr. LOTT, Mr. MARTINEZ, Mr. VITTER, Mr. THUNE, and Mr. CHAMBLISS):

S. 1012. A bill to amend the Consumer Credit Protection Act to assure meaningful disclosures of the terms of rental-purchase agreements, including disclosures of all costs to consumers under such agreements, to provide certain substantive rights to consumers under such agreements, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. HARKIN (for himself, Mr. DODD, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. LEAHY, and Mr. SCHUMER):

S. 1013. A bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to encourage States to provide pregnant woman enrolled in the Medicaid program with access to comprehensive tobacco cessation services; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. ALEXANDER (for himself, Mr. ENSIGN, Mr. MARTINEZ, and Mr. DEMINT):

S. 1014. A bill to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to provide parental choice for those students that attend schools that are in need of improvement and have been identified for restructuring; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. COCHRAN (for himself and Mr. ROCKEFELLER):

S. 1015. A bill to reauthorize the National Writing Project; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. MENENDEZ:

S. 1016. A bill to amend the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978 to promote energy independence and self-sufficiency by providing for the use of net metering by certain small electric energy generation systems, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. MCCONNELL (for Mr. ENZI (for himself, Mr. DORGAN, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. THOMAS, and Mr. CONRAD)):

S. 1017. A bill to amend the Packers and Stockyards Act, 1921, to prohibit the use of certain anti-competitive forward contracts; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. DURBIN (for himself, Mr. HAGEL, and Mrs. FEINSTEIN):

S. 1018. A bill to address security risks posed by global climate change and for other purposes; to the Select Committee on Intelligence.

By Mr. COBURN (for himself, Mr. BURR, Mr. CHAMBLISS, and Mr. INHOFE):

S. 1019. A bill to provide comprehensive reform of the health care system of the United States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. HUTCHISON (for herself, Mr. STEVENS, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. ALLARD, and Mr. CORNYN):

S. 1020. A bill to move toward energy independence through a coordinated development of renewable energy sources, including wave, solar, wind, geothermal, and biofuels production; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Ms. STABENOW:

S. 1021. A bill to address the exchange-rate misalignment of the Japanese yen with respect to the United States dollar, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

#### SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent resolutions and Senate resolutions were read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. THOMAS (for himself, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. SALAZAR, Mr. ENSIGN, Mr. BENNETT, Mr. STEVENS, Mr. CORNYN, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. ALLARD, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. DORGAN, Mr. DOMENICI, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. ENZI, and Mr. HATCH):

S. Res. 130. A resolution designating July 28, 2007, as "National Day of the American Cowboy"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. BAUCUS (for himself, Mr. REID, Mr. KENNEDY, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. DURBIN, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. LEAHY, and Mr. TESTER):

S. Res. 131. A resolution designating the first week of April 2007 as "National Asbestos Awareness Week"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. STEVENS (for himself, Mr. INOUE, Mr. DOMENICI, Mr. CRAPO, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. SANDERS, Ms. SNOWE, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. WARNER, and Mr. INHOFE):

S. Res. 132. A resolution recognizing the Civil Air Patrol for 65 years of service to the United States; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. OBAMA (for himself, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. KERRY, Mr. ALEXANDER, and Mr. CORKER):

S. Res. 133. A resolution celebrating the life of Bishop Gilbert Earl Patterson; considered and agreed to.

#### ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 147

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the name of the Senator from Michigan (Ms. STABENOW) was added as a cosponsor of S. 147, a bill to empower women in Afghanistan, and for other purposes.